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TAGS: PFOR, UN, PN, FR

SUBJECT: UNSC IN PANAMA; GOF REQUEST FOR US POSITIONS

PANAMA FOR US DEL

REF: PARIS 6636

1. QUAI UN DEPUTY DIRECTOR BEAUX RAISED WITH EMBOFF MARCH 19 QUESTION OF US ATTITUDES TOWARD FRENCH IDEA OF UNSC PRESIDENT MAKING HIS OWN SUMMING- UP STATEMENT AS ALTERNATIVE TO FORMAL SC " DECLARATION". BEAUX SAID GOF STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ANY " DECLARATION" AND ALSO TO CURRENT DRAFT RESOLUTION ON COLONIALISM. HE INQUIRED RE US POSITION ON ALL DRAFT RESOLUTIONS NOW BEING DISCUSSED IN PANAMA.

2. BOTH BEAUX AND QUAI UN DIRECTOR LEPRETTE INDICATE FRENCH PREOCCUPATION WITH PROCEDURAL QUESTION POSED BY " DECLARATION". ACCORDING LEPRETTE, UN LEGAL ADVISOR STAVROPOULOS DISAGREES WITH GOF INSISTENCE THAT " DECLARATIONS" ARE NOT WITHIN SC' S CHARTER PREROGATIVES; STAVROPOULOS
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MAINTAINS THAT ANYTHING NOT EXPRESSLY FORBIDDEN BY CHARTER IS PERMITTED.

3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION DURING THEIR REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING QUAI AMERICAS DIRECTOR ST. LEGIER TOLD POLCOUNS GOF HAS IMPRESSION PANAMANIANIS ARE DELIBERATELY BUILDING ATMOSPHERE OF TENSION AND CRISIS, PRESUMABLY IN EFFORT TO PROVIDE JUSTIFICATION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS OR "DECLARATION" FAVORABLE TO THEIR POSITION ESPECIALLY ON CANAL AND COLONIALISM. HE SAID FRENCH DELEGATION AND OTHERS, INCLUDING CHINESE , ARE ADVISING CAUTION AND MODERATION.

4. COMMENT: GOF MAY HAVE CONCLUDED FROM CONVERSATION REPORTED USUN 852 THAT USG DOES NOT FIND SC PRESIDENT' S SUMMING- UP STATEMENT OBJECTIONABLE. EMBOFFS SAID THAT EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE CURRENT INFORMATION ON US POSITION.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT PLEASE INFORM US IMMEDIATE AS TO REPLY WE CAN GIVE QUAI RE US POSITION ON "DECLARATION" VERSUS "SUMMING- UP" AND ON RESOLUTIONS. WE WILL NEED BACKGROUND INFO ON RESOLUTIONS AND DRAFT "DECLARATION" SINCE WE HAVE NOT SEEN ANY TEXTS.

EMBASSY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE COMMENT ON ST. LEGIER' S IDEA THAT PANAMANIANIS MAY BE STIRRING UP TENSION.

6. PANAMA ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INCLUDE PARIS AS INFO ADDRESSEE ON PERTINENT TELEGRAMS.
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